

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Department of Labor and Industry

In the Matter of Curtis N. Marjama,
Individually and d/b/a AIA Sandblasting

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO MINN.
STAT. § 181.723**

I. ORDER

The Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (“Commissioner”) issues this Order against Curtis N. Marjama, individually and d/b/a AIA Sandblasting (“Respondent”).

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 181.723, subds.7 and 8a; 326B.082, subd. 7, and 326B.083 (2012), the Commissioner hereby assesses against Respondent a monetary penalty of \$2,000. However, the penalty shall be forgiven if Respondent demonstrate to the Commissioner by the 31st day after this Administrative Order is issued that Respondent has successfully registered with the Commissioner in the Minnesota Construction Contractor Registration Program (“Registration Program”).

The Commissioner also hereby orders Respondent to cease and desist from violating the laws cited in the “Conclusions of Law” section of this Administrative Order. Specifically, the Commissioner orders Respondent to cease and desist from performing public or private sector commercial or residential building construction or improvement services for which registration in the Registration Program is required until compliance with the registration requirements of Minn. Stat. § 181.723, subd. 4a (2012) is achieved.

The Commissioner takes the above action based upon the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is engaged in the business of providing building construction or improvement services. Respondent’s business address is 12387 340th Street, Menahga, MN 56464
2. Respondent is not registered with the Registration Program, nor has Respondent filed an assumed name with the Minnesota Secretary of State for the business name AIA Sandblasting.
3. The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (“Department”) opened an investigation of Respondent based on information indicating that Respondent may have engaged in violations of the Minnesota statutes and rules governing independent contractors in the construction industry.
4. On July 25, 2014, a Department investigator mailed Respondent a subpoena duces tecum via first-class and certified mail to their registered address. The subpoena required the production of records and other information relating to Respondents’ contractors, subcontractors and employees.

5. On August 11, 2014 Respondent replied to the subpoena stating that he had employees but no subcontractors. Respondent has an unemployment insurance account under his given name showing three employees.
6. Respondent is not registered as of the date of this Order.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent committed violations of applicable law. Minn. Stat. §§ 181.723 (2012) and 326B.082, subd. 7 (2012).
2. Respondent failed to register with the Registration Program prior to providing building construction or improvement services. Minn. Stat. § 181.723, subd. 4a (b) (2012).
3. Despite not meeting all the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 181.723, subd. 4 (2012), Respondent held himself out as an independent contractor. Minn. Stat. § 181.723, subd. 7 (b) (2012).

IV. DETERMINATION OF PENALTY AMOUNT

In determining the amount of the penalty, the Commissioner considered: the extent of deviation from compliance; whether the violations were willful; the gravity of the violations; the number of violations; whether there is a history of past violations; whether Respondent gained economic benefit in not complying with the law; and other factors as justice may require.

V. REQUEST FOR HEARING

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 8 (2012), Respondent shall have 30 days after issuance of this Administrative Order to request a hearing. A request for hearing must be in writing and must be served on or faxed to the Commissioner at the following address or fax number by the deadline.

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
CCLD – Enforcement Services Unit
Attention: Charlie Durenberger
443 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155
Fax number: (651) 284-5746

The date on which a request for hearing is served by mail shall be the postmark date on the envelope in which the request for hearing is mailed. The request for hearing must specifically state the reasons for seeking review of the order or notice. If the request for hearing is served by fax it cannot exceed 15 pages in length and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. central time on the last day permitted for serving a request. Respondent's review rights are more thoroughly described in Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subs. 4 and 8 (2012).

If the Respondent submits to the Commissioner a timely request for hearing, the Administrative Order shall be stayed unless otherwise ordered by a judge, and a contested case hearing will be conducted. The contested case procedures are set out in chapter 14 of Minnesota Statutes, the Rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Minn. Rules 1400.5010 to 1400.8400 (2013), and Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 8 (2012). These materials may be purchased from the Minnesota Book Store, telephone (651) 297-3000, and are also available at www.revisor.mn.gov.

VI. EFFECT OF FINAL ORDER

If Respondent does not request a hearing or Respondent's request for a hearing is not served on or faxed to the Commissioner by the deadline specified in the "Request for Hearing" section of this Administrative Order, this Administrative Order shall become a final order of the Commissioner and will not be subject to review by any court or agency. *See* Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 8 (2012).

The penalty imposed upon Respondent by this Administrative Order, other than the forgivable portion, is due and payable ten days after the date the Administrative Order becomes final. If the Commissioner determines that Respondent failed to successfully register in the Registration Program within the 31-day period, then the forgivable portion of the penalty is due and payable 20 days after the Commissioner serves notice of this determination or on the date this Administrative Order becomes final, whichever is later. *See* Minn. Stat. § 326B.083, subd. 3(a) (2012).


When this Administrative Order becomes final, the Commissioner may file and enforce any unpaid portion of the penalty as a judgment in district court without further notice or additional proceedings. *See* Minn. Stat. §§ 16D.17 and 326B.083, subd. 2 (2012). Failure to pay a monetary penalty owed may result in the revocation, suspension, or denial of any or all licenses, permits, certificates, and registrations issued by the Commissioner. *See* Minn. Stat. § 326B.082, subd. 17 (2012). Also, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16D.13 (2012), Respondent is hereby notified that thirty (30) days after the date this Administrative Order becomes final, simple interest computed in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16D.13, subd. 2 (2012) will begin to accrue on the unpaid portion of the penalty.

Dated: _____

8/26/14

KEN B. PETERSON
Commissioner

BY: _____


CHARLIE DURENBERGER
Director of Licensing and Enforcement
Construction Codes and Licensing Division
Department of Labor and Industry